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SUBJECT: ITALIAN CANDIDATE FOR OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON  
NATIONAL MINORITIES SEEKS US SUPPORT

11. Guido Lenzi, diplomatic advisor to the Minister of Interior, met with poloff on May 10 to seek support for his candidacy as the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. Lenzi, a member of the Italian diplomatic service since 1964, has significant multilateral experience with NATO, UN, EU and OSCE. His work has contributed to Italian policy on EU enlargement and integration. His domestic assignments have included stints as diplomatic advisor to the Ministers of Defense and Interior and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Foreign Minister. Lenzi speaks fluent French, English and Spanish.

12. Lenzi is an excellent contact who has given us broad access to the Ministry of Interior. He understands that other candidates for the position have a higher international profile, but believes that the position requires a technocratic, not political approach. A complete CV and statement of intent have been emailed to the Department.  
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